

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. 

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 19 April 1953

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1. Between 11 and 17 April 1953, the following empty railroad cars  were to be made available:

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Number of Cars	Assembling Station
188 flatcars	Halle
150 flatcars	Erfurt
55 flatcars	Bernau
18 flatcars	Cottbus
65 converted boxcars	Bernau
20 heavy-duty flatcars	Brandenburg
10 heavy-duty flatcars	Satzkorn
7 heavy-duty flatcars	Fuerstenwalde

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2. The following KVP trains were observed on 8 and 12 April:

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Date in April	Composition of KVP Trains	From	To
8	4 coaches, 38 boxcars and 24 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Sternbuchholz	Eggesin
	1 coach, 32 boxcars and 8 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Rostock	Eggesin
	6 coaches, 17 boxcars and 21 flatcars with VP personnel, artillery pieces and trucks	Rostock	Eggesin

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<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
12	78 axles with VP personnel and equipment	Sternbuchholz	Eggesin

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3. KVP trains identified from railroad records between 9 and 14 April included:

<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>KVP Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9	33 boxcars and 6 flatcars	Kirchmoeser	Greifswald railroad district
13	11 converted boxcars, undeter- 12 boxcars and mined 20 flatcars		Magdeburg railroad district
14	27 cars	Halle railroad district	Premnitz

4. The following troop trains passed through the Muellrose railroad station toward Cottbus between 15 and 19 April:

<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>
15	21 cars with military personnel and trucks
	4 boxcars and 10 flatcars with tanks
	23 boxcars and 28 flatcars with artillery pieces and trucks
16	30 cars with trucks
	6 boxcars and 14 flatcars with trucks and tanks
17	15 boxcars and 25 flatcars with trucks

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Date in Composition of  
April Troop Trains

17                    8 boxcars and  
                      14 flatcars with  
                      tanks and trucks

                      33 boxcars and  
                      20 flatcars with  
                      trucks

                      4 boxcars and  
                      7 flatcars with  
                      tanks

18                    23 boxcars and  
                      33 flatcars with  
                      10 artillery pieces and  
                      trucks

                      13 boxcars and  
                      35 flatcars with  
                      artillery pieces and  
                      trucks

                      6 boxcars and  
                      22 flatcars with  
                      tanks and trucks

                      7 boxcars and  
                      20 flatcars with  
                      trucks

                      50 cars with  
                      artillery pieces and  
                      trucks

19                    50 cars with  
                      artillery pieces and  
                      trucks

                      50 cars with  
                      artillery pieces

On 19 April, the loading of troops, artillery pieces and trucks was observed at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. The train left toward Cottbus.<sup>4</sup>

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The assembling of empty railroad cars was probably ordered in conjunction with troop movements to the troop training grounds.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The KVP trains to Eggesin probably carried elements of the AT artillery regiment of Armeegruppe Nord hitherto in winter quarters at Sternbuchholz, and the 3rd Mecz Regt of the Eggesin mechanized division previously stationed at Rostock.

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The KVP train from Kirchmœser to the Greifswald railroad district probably carried elements of the artillery regiment of the Prenzlau division hitherto in winter quarters at Kirchmœser.

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25X1 [REDACTED] both probably went from Gotha to Premnitz. [REDACTED] Premnitz was to be occupied by KVP units from Gotha.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the trains probably hauled components of the 7th Gas Mecz Div from their posts to the Lieberose troop training grounds area.

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